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ABSTRACT

This book describes a theoretical framework, "experienced cognition," for understanding cognition at the level of conscious mental states that make up a person's stream of awareness. The central idea is a cospecification hypothesis that an experienced self and experienced objects are simultaneously specified in the information available to perception and from memory. The following chapters discuss the hypothesis: (1) "Experienced Cognition and the Cospecification Hypothesis"; (2) "Consciousness and the Information Processing Framework"; (3) "Phenomena of Cognitive Skill"; (4) "Perceptual and Enactive Awareness"; (5) "Symbolic and Representational Awareness"; (6) "Emotion, Bodily Awareness, and the Unity of Consciousness"; (7) "Awareness and Nonconscious Information Systems"; (8) "Working Memory: Private Speech and Other Performatory Vehicles of Thought"; (9) "Controlling Cognitive Activity: Goals and Goal Structures"; (10) "Causal Thinking and Problem Solving"; (11) "Belief and Reasoning"; (12) "Expertise, Skill, and Everyday Action"; (13) "Practice and Conscious Control of Cognitive Activity"; (14) "Implicit Cognition and Automaticity: A Perspective on the Cognitive Unconscious"; and (15) "Toward a Cognitive Psychology of Persons." (Contains 25 pages of references, and author and subject indexes.) (SLD)

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